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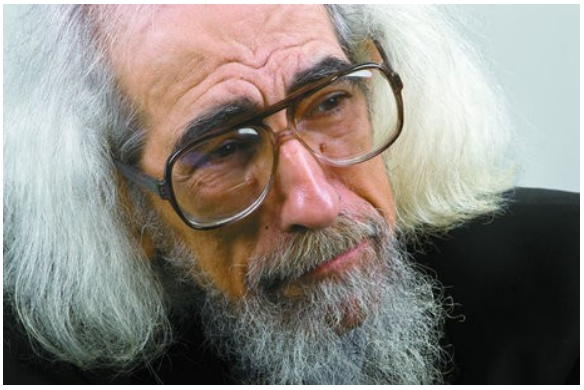

"Things Said/Things Done: The Relations of Myth and Ritual"

Jonathan Z. Smith is an historian of religion whose research has focused on such wide-ranging subjects as ritual theory, Hellenistic religions, and contemporary religious phenomena. Some of his works include *Map Is Not Territory*, *Imagining Religion*: *From Babylon to Jonestown*, *To Take Place: Toward Theory in Ritual*, and *Drudgery Divine: On the Comparison of Early Christianities and the Religions of Late Antiquity.* He is also editor of the *HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*. His latest book, *Relating Religion: Essays in the Study of Religion,* offers a retrospective look at his work. Smith moves easily in the worlds of religious studies, anthropology, literature, philosophy, and history. He has served as the Dean of the Faculty of the College of Humanities at the University of Chicago, President of the North American Society for the Study of Religion, and—most recently—President of the Society of Biblical Literature.

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